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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/3/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 27-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 27-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This application is a divisional of application 08/311,157, filed September 23, 1994, now US Patent 5,871,986.

Claims 1, 27-36 are pending.

Upon review of a search of the relevant art and in view of Applicant's arguments a new rejection of record is being made. The finality of the previous office action is withdrawn.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1, 27-36 rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,871,986 is withdrawn.

As noted by Applicant the claimed invention is distinguished from that in '86 in that one method is *in vitro*, while the other is practiced *in vivo*. The two methods represent patentably distinct methodologies requiring different method steps and considerations to practice.

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Claims 1, 27-36 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10, 16-18, 20-24, 28, 29, 34, 35-39 of U.S. Patent No. 5,731,182. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claim 1 of '182 broadly encompasses the instant claimed methods of expressing a transgene *in vivo*. In particular, for claims 30 and 33 (not part of the present rejection) to be considered limiting, the broader method claim must encompass practice *in vivo* and *in vitro*. Given the claim language of '182, in light of the teaching of the specification for practice *in vivo*, and dependent claims that specifically limit the claims to practice *in vitro*, the claims of '182 are being interpreted to encompass the instantly claimed invention.

Applicant's willingness to file a terminal disclaimer, and the terminal disclaimer filed August 3, 2005 is noted. However, the terminal disclaimer has not been accepted because an attorney of record has not signed the document. In this case, the instant terminal disclaimer would require compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

As noted previously, the claims are free of the art of record because the use of a baculovirus vector in a mammalian cell was not taught. Though baculovirus vectors were known at the time of filing, their use was limited to use in insect cells. At the time of filing there was no specific motivation or expectation that vectors used to express a gene of interest in insect cells

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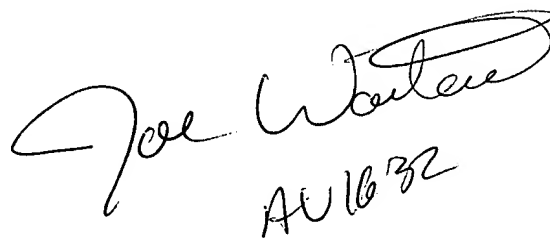
could be used in mammalian cells as instantly claimed. In addition to the evidence provided in the instant application, the post filing art has demonstrated the successful use of baculovirus vectors in a variety of specific methods including gene therapy protocols in mammals (see for example US Patent 6,183,752-claims 2, 12, 13 and 14).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached at (571) 272-0735.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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